

# Playground Safety Checklist



## Playground Surfaces

Are there at least 12 inches of safe surface (wood chips, mulch, sand or mats) around playground equipment?

Do safe surfaces reach at least 6 feet in all directions?

## Structure Spacing

Are play structures that are more than 30 inches high at least 9 feet apart?

Are the openings in guardrails or between ladder rungs no less than 3.5 or more than 9 inches apart?

## Dangerous Hardware

Are there open “S” hooks, bolt ends that stick out, or sharp points or edges on equipment?

## Tripping Hazards

Are there exposed concrete footings, tree stumps, and rocks that could cause tripping?

## Falling Hazards

Do platforms, steps, and ramps have guardrails to prevent falls?

